

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

1. (Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:
- a first substrate having a first face, said first substrate being provided with a first electrode;
 - a second substrate having a second face opposing said first face of said first substrate, said second face being provided with a second electrode;
 - a liquid crystal interposed between said first and second faces;
 - a protruding portion of said first substrate protruding outwardly relative to said second substrate, said first electrode extending from an area where said first and second substrates oppose each other to said protruding portion;
 - a driver IC mounted on said protruding portion, said first electrode electrically connected to said driver IC;
 - an aluminum electrode formed on said first substrate, said aluminum electrode electrically connecting said driver IC and said second electrode; and
 - an overcoat layer of an inorganic substance covering said first electrode and said aluminum electrode, said overcoat layer being omitted from an area where said first electrode is connected to said driver IC, an area where said aluminum electrode is connected to said driver IC, and an area where said aluminum electrode is connected to said second electrode.

2. (Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:

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a pair of substrates, each having an opposing face opposing each other with liquid crystal interposed therebetween, the opposing faces being provided with electrodes;

a protruding portion provided on one of said pair of substrates protruding toward the outside from the other substrate;

aluminum electrodes formed on the protruding portion, and said aluminum electrodes electrically connected with said electrodes;

an overcoat layer of an inorganic substance covering the aluminum electrodes; and

an insulating layer covering the electrodes formed on one of said pair of substrates, wherein the overcoat layer further comprises the insulating layer.

13. (Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:

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a first substrate having a first face;

a first electrode on said first face;

a second substrate having a second face opposite said first face;

a second electrode on said second face;

liquid crystal interposed between said first and second faces;

a protruding portion of said first substrate protruding outboard of said second substrate;

aluminum electrodes formed on the protruding portion and connected to said first and second electrodes; and

an overcoat layer of an inorganic substance covering the aluminum electrodes except in an area where said aluminum electrodes are connected to said driver IC, and an area where said aluminum electrodes are connected to said second electrode.

Please add the following new claims:

19. (New) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a first substrate having a first face, said first substrate being provided with a first electrode;

a second substrate having a second face opposing said first face of said first substrate, said second face being provided with a second electrode;

a liquid crystal interposed between said first and second faces;

a protruding portion of said first substrate protruding outwardly relative to said second substrate, said first electrode extending from an area where said first and second substrates oppose each other to said protruding portion;

a driver IC mounted on said protruding portion, said first electrode electrically connected to said driver IC;

a third electrode formed on said first substrate, said third electrode electrically connecting said driver IC and said second electrode; and

an overcoat layer of an inorganic substance covering said first electrode and said third electrode, said overcoat layer being omitted from an area where said first electrode is connected to said driver IC, an area where said third electrode is connected to said driver IC, and an area where said third electrode is connected to said second electrode.

20. (New) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a first substrate having a first face;

a first electrode on said first face;

a second substrate having a second face opposite said first face;

a second electrode on said second face;

liquid crystal interposed between said first and second faces;

a protruding portion of said first substrate protruding outboard of said second substrate;

third electrodes formed on the protruding portion and connected to said first and second electrodes; and

an overcoat layer of an inorganic substance covering the third electrodes except in an area where said third electrodes are connected to said driver IC, and an area where said third electrodes are connected to said second electrode.

21. (New) A liquid crystal device comprising:

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a pair of substrates, each having an opposing face opposing each other with liquid crystal interposed therebetween, the opposing faces being provided with first and second electrodes;

a protruding portion of one of said pair of substrates protruding relative to the other substrate;

third electrodes formed on the protruding portion, said third electrodes electrically connected with said first and second electrodes; and

an overcoat layer of a sol gel reacted inorganic substance covering the third electrodes.

22. (New) A liquid crystal device comprising:

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a pair of substrates, each having an opposing face opposing each other with liquid crystal interposed therebetween, the opposing faces being provided with first and second electrodes;

a protruding portion of one of said pair of substrates protruding relative to the other substrate;

third electrodes formed on the protruding portion, said third electrodes electrically connected with said first and second electrodes;

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an overcoat layer of an inorganic substance covering the third electrodes; and
an insulating layer covering one of the first and second electrodes, wherein the
overcoat layer further comprises the insulating layer.
